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(57) An operator/facsimile interface includes an Undo key (62) that enables an immediately previous action to be reversed, thereby allowing an operator to correct an erroneous entry or a mistakenly commenced operation with one key press. The operator/facsimile interface further enables entry of alpha-numeric data from a telephone-style keyboard (58). Alteration of displayed alpha-numeric characters may be accomplished by actuation of arrow keys (78), or sequential key presses of an alpha-numeric key. A displayed alpha-numeric character may be entered by actuation of an arrow key (78), an Enter key (64) or a different alpha-numeric key. Completion of an alpha-numeric entry may be signaled by actuation of a Start key (66) or Enter key (64).

The * and # keys in the telephone-style keyboard (58) are assigned Yes and No functions, respectively, when the facsimile interface is in an alpha-numeric entry mode, thereby allowing immediate operator response to a displayed query. A report key (74) enables a selective print-out of transmission and reception record data only when desired by the operator.

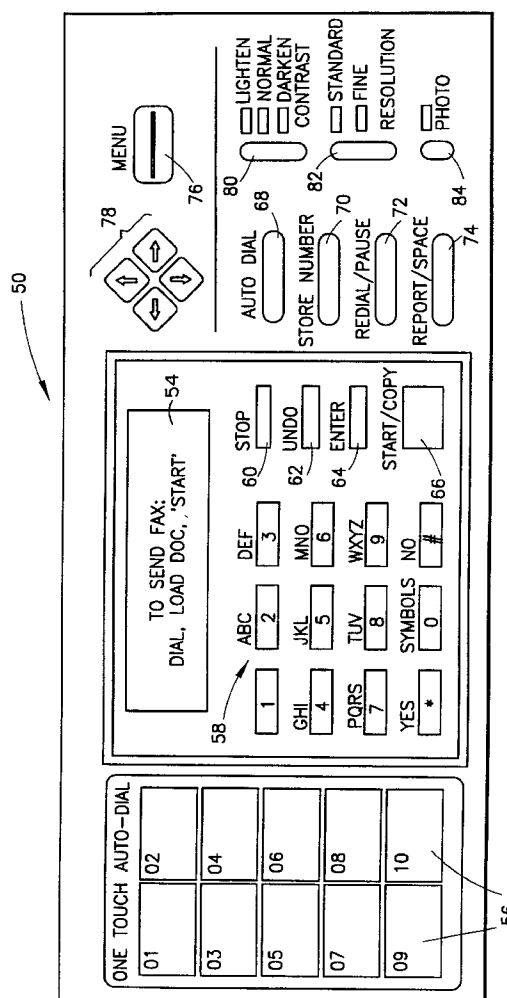


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